



Buddhist Tzu Chi Education Foundation
佛教慈濟美國教育志業基金會

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To Enroll, Please Call:
1-833-513-2604
Or Visit:
<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>
Enrollment Code: <<Enrollment>>

<<FirstName>> <<LastName>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

October 6, 2021

Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<FirstName>> <<LastName>>,

Buddhist Tzu Chi Education Foundation recently experienced a data security incident that may have impacted your personal information including, potentially, your name, mailing address, passport number, driver's license number, and Social Security Number. We take the privacy and security of your information seriously, and sincerely apologize for any concern or inconvenience this may cause you. This letter contains information about steps you can take to protect your information.

What happened and what information was involved?

On July 15, 2021, Buddhist Tzu Chi Education Foundation discovered that several computers were operating unusually and portions of their network were inaccessible. Buddhist Tzu Chi Education Foundation immediately took the systems offline, implemented the incident response protocols and began an investigation. That investigation found that your information was stored on portions of the system affected by the incident. The investigation, unfortunately, could not determine whether any of your information had been accessed or removed during the incident, only that it was present. And so, out of an abundance of caution we are providing you with notice of this incident. The information contained in the impacted systems could have included a combination of the following: your name, mailing address, passport number, driver's license number, and Social Security Number.

What we are doing:

We want to assure you that Buddhist Tzu Chi Education Foundation has taken steps to prevent this kind of event from happening in the future. We have upgraded our workstation security software. And, we continue to evaluate the appropriateness of our security controls as necessary to protect against evolving cyber threats. In addition, we have arranged for you to receive credit monitoring and identity protection services provided by IDX. IDX identity protection services include: 12 months of Credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed ID theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

What you can do:

While we believe it unlikely that any of your information will be misused, it is always a good idea to review your credit reports and financial statements for any suspicious activity. You can also visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/privacy-identity-online-security> for more information on how to protect yourself online.

How do I enroll for the free services?

We encourage you to enroll in free IDX identity protection services by going to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> or calling 1-833-513-2604 and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 6 am - 6 pm Pacific Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is January 6, 2022.

Please review the enclosure included with this letter which describes additional steps you can take to help protect your identity, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file.

For more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 1-833-513-2604 Monday through Friday from 6 am - 6 pm Pacific Time. You will find detailed instructions for enrollment on the enclosed Recommended Steps document. Also, you will need to reference the enrollment code at the top of this letter when enrolling, so please do not discard this letter. Your trust is a top priority for us, and we deeply regret any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause you.

Protecting your information is important to us. We trust that the services we are offering to you demonstrate our continued commitment to your security and satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Buddhist Tzu Chi Education Foundation

U.S. State Notification Requirements

For residents of *Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina*: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of *Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington, and West Virginia*: It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax

P.O. Box 105139
Atlanta, GA 30374
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com

Experian

P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion

P.O. Box 6790
Fullerton, CA 92834
1-800-916-8800
www.transunion.com

You may also obtain a free copy of your credit report online at www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at www.annualcreditreport.com) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of *Iowa*: State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of *Colorado, Maryland, Illinois, North Carolina, and Rhode Island*: You can obtain information from the Maryland, North Carolina, and Rhode Island Offices of the Attorneys General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

Maryland Attorney

General

Consumer Protection
Div.
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
1-888-743-0023
www.oag.state.md.us

North Carolina Attorney

General

Consumer Protection Div.
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
1-877-566-7226
www.ncdoj.com

Rhode Island Attorney

General

Consumer Protection Div.
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 274-4400
www.riag.ri.gov

Federal Trade

Commission

Consumer Response
Center
600 Pennsylvania
Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-
4338)
www.identityTheft.gov

For residents of *Massachusetts*: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

For residents of *California*: You may also wish to review the information provided by the California Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov/idtheft>.

For residents of *District of Columbia*: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia by visiting <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection>, emailing consumer.protection@dc.gov, calling (202) 442-9828, or mailing Office of the Attorney General, Office of Consumer Protection, 400 6th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001.

For residents of *New York*: You may obtain additional information about security breach response and identity theft prevention and protection from the New York State Office of the Attorney General at <https://ag.ny.gov/> or by calling 1-800-771-7755; the New York State Police at <http://troopers.ny.gov/> or by calling 1-518-457-6721; and/or the New York Department of State at <https://www.dos.ny.gov> or by calling 1-800-697-1220.

For residents of *Oregon*: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Oregon Attorney General at <https://doj.state.or.us>, by calling (877) 877-9392, or writing to Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096.

For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via each credit bureau's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. The contact information for all three credit bureaus is below. As of September 21, 2018, fraud alerts will now last one year, instead of 90 days. Fraud alerts will continue to be free and identity theft victims can still get extended fraud alerts for seven years.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

Security Freeze: A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, each credit reporting agency has a dedicated web page for security freezes and fraud alerts or you can request a freeze by phone or by mail. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request may also require a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. Effective September 21, 2018, placing a freeze on your credit report is now free for all United States citizens.

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
www.equifax.com

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<http://www.experian.com/freeze>

TransUnion (FVAD)

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022
www.transunion.com

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.